

BUILDING ON MOMENTUM: WARD 6 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Watkins Parents, We Want to Hear from Every One of You!

Middle school is critical to preparing students for college. Ensuring that families have quality middle school options is one of our top priorities. Over the past few months, we have engaged parents and the school community to identify how to best support and strengthen our middle schools in Ward 6. We took all of the information we heard and developed a *draft plan* to improve middle school options in Ward 6.

Below are a few highlights from our proposal that impact Stuart-Hobson Middle School and its feeder elementary schools.

- **We will strengthen the academic program at Stuart-Hobson**
 - Offer advanced courses in math for students who are ready, with an emphasis on Algebra and Geometry for high school credit
 - Offer world language for high school credit, allowing students to enroll in higher level Spanish in Grade 9
- **We will expand the Montessori Program**
 - Move Montessori out of Watkins into a new building in school year 2011-12
 - Extend the Montessori Program beyond 4th grade
- **We will change Stuart-Hobson's grade configuration to 6th-8th grade**
 - Move 5th grade to Watkins from Stuart-Hobson once the Montessori Program has relocated to its new building
 - Establish Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School as a feeder school to Stuart-Hobson once the Montessori Program has relocated to its new building
- **We will improve school facilities**
 - Ensure that modernization plans reflect program and student needs
- **Stuart-Hobson, Eliot-Hine, and Jefferson Middle Schools will feed to the brand new Eastern High School in school year 2011-2012**

To view the full proposal, please visit our website: <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/building-on-momentum>

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Your feedback will inform the development of our final plan. Please take a few minutes to respond to the questions on the back of this sheet and return it to your child's school.

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1. Which program does your child/children currently attend?
☐ Watkins Elementary School ☐ Watkins Montessori

2. Do you feel that the proposed changes support the progress and enhance the quality of Stuart-Hobson?
☐ 1 (Not at all) ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 (Very much)

3. Are there elements to improving Watkins and Stuart-Hobson that we did not include in the proposed plan or that we should provide more detail on?

4. For Montessori parents only: If the Montessori Program were to extend through 8th grade, then Montessori students will not have guaranteed entry into Stuart-Hobson Middle School. However, if the Montessori Program ends at 5th grade, all students will have a place at Stuart-Hobson. With this in mind, would you prefer for your child to continue Montessori through 8th grade or to end at 5th grade and attend Stuart-Hobson Middle School for 6th-8th grade?

☐ Montessori through 8th grade ☐ Montessori until 5th and Stuart-Hobson for 6th-8th

5. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?

Would you like to know more?

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Or contact Claudia Luján at (202) 719-6598

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